



Attorney Docket No. TAN-291
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1653
TAKAGAKI) Examiner: Chih Min KAM
Serial No. 09/916,250)
Filed: July 30, 2001)

For: **METHOD FOR EXTRACTION AND PURIFICATION OF
CARTILAGE TYPE PROTEOGLYCAN**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 29, 2003, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on October 29, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed with a one month extension of time.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.

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